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**Administrative and budgetary coordination of the
United Nations with the specialized agencies and the
International Atomic Energy Agency**

Draft decision submitted by the Chairman

**Statistical report of the United Nations System Chief Executives
Board for Coordination on the budgetary and financial situation
of the organizations of the United Nations system**

The General Assembly takes note of the note by the Secretary-General transmitting the statistical report of the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination on the budgetary and financial situation of the organizations of the United Nations system.¹

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Joint Inspection Unit

Draft resolution submitted by the Chairman following informal consultations

Joint Inspection Unit

A Reports of the Joint Inspection Unit

The General Assembly,

Reaffirming its previous resolutions on the Joint Inspection Unit, in particular resolutions 50/233 of 7 June 1996, 54/16 of 29 October 1999, 55/230 of 23 December 2000 and 56/245 of 24 December 2001,

1. *Takes note with appreciation of the report of the Joint Inspection Unit for 2001;¹*
2. *Takes note of the note by the Secretary-General transmitting the programme of work of the Unit for 2002;²*
3. *Also takes note of the note by the Secretary-General transmitting the preliminary listing of potential reports for the programme of work of the Unit for 2003 and beyond;³*
4. *Takes note in particular that, as noted in the preliminary listing of potential reports for the programme of work of the Unit for 2003 and beyond and reaffirmed by the Chairman of the Unit, the preliminary listing is of a tentative nature and does not necessarily imply that the Unit is committed to taking up those subjects;*
5. *Also takes note of the report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the recommendations of the Unit;⁴*

¹ Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-seventh Session, Supplement No. 34 (A/57/34).

² A/57/61.

³ A/57/321.

⁴ A/57/327.



6. *Reiterates* its request to executive heads of participating organizations to observe fully the time frame for submitting their comments, as called for in article 11, paragraphs 4 (d) and (e), of the statute of the Unit.

7. *Reiterates* the need for the Unit to place emphasis in its work on well-defined and timely items of high priority, identifying concrete managerial administrative and programming questions aimed at providing the General Assembly and other legislative organs of participating organizations with practical and action-oriented recommendations;

8. *Stresses* the need for the Unit to pay special attention to the preparation of reports that are more evaluation-oriented;

9. *Invites* additional efforts by the Unit, the bureaux of the legislative organs and the secretariats concerned to ensure that the relevant reports of the Unit are submitted to the legislative organs of participating organizations and that those organs take specific action on recommendations contained in the reports;

10. *Welcomes* the efforts of the Unit to implement the follow-up mechanisms described in paragraphs 24 and 25 of its report¹ to ensure the systematic tracking of the status of implementation of the Unit's recommendations;

11. *Takes note* of the information contained in paragraphs 27 to 32 of the report of the Unit regarding the proposed new procedure for handling comments of the participating organizations on the findings and recommendations of the Unit, and invites the Unit to provide detailed information on the new procedure in comparison with the current procedure, together with the comments of the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination thereon, for consideration by the General Assembly at its fifty-eighth session;

12. *Reiterates* its request to the executive heads of those participating organizations that have not yet done so to take the steps necessary to facilitate the consideration of and action on the system of follow-up to the reports of the Unit, and invites the legislative organs concerned to consider and act upon it;

13. *Requests* the Secretary-General to transmit the present resolution to the executive heads of the other participating organizations for their attention;

14. *Requests* the Unit to report to the General Assembly, in its next annual report, on the implementation of the present resolution.

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Enhancing governance oversight role: structure, working methods and practices on handling oversight reports

The General Assembly,

Having considered the notes by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Joint Inspection Unit entitled "Enhancing governance oversight role: structure, working methods and practices on handling oversight reports"² and the comments of the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination

¹ A/57/58.

thereon,⁶ as well as the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions.⁷

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Joint Inspection Unit entitled "Enhancing governance oversight role: structure, working methods and practices on handling oversight reports"⁸ and the comments of the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination thereon;⁶

2. *Concurs* with the observations and views of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions contained in paragraphs 9 to 11 of its report;⁷

3. *Reaffirms* its decision contained in paragraph 5 of its resolution 50/233 of 7 June 1996 that thematic reports of the Unit should be considered under the relevant agenda items of the General Assembly.

⁶ A/57/58/Add.1.

⁷ A/57/434.

⁸ See A/57/58.



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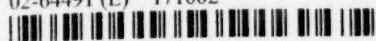
Programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003

Draft decision submitted by the Chairman

**Construction of additional office facilities at the Economic
Commission for Africa in Addis Ababa**

The General Assembly decides to take note of the report of the Secretary-General on the construction of additional office facilities at the Economic Commission for Africa in Addis Ababa.¹

¹ A/57/322.



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**Financial reports and audited financial statements,
and reports of the Board of Auditors****Draft resolution submitted by the Chairman following informal consultations****Financial reports and audited financial statements, and reports of
the Board of Auditors**

The General Assembly,

Reaffirming its resolutions 50/222 of 11 April 1996, 51/218 E of 17 June 1997, 52/212 B of 31 March 1998, 53/204 of 18 December 1998, 53/221, section VIII, of 7 April 1999, 54/13 B of 23 December 1999 and 55/220 of 23 December 2000,

Having considered, for the period ended 31 December 2001, the financial reports and audited financial statements of the United Nations,¹ the International Trade Centre UNCTAD/WTO,² the United Nations University,³ the United Nations Development Programme,⁴ the United Nations Children's Fund,⁵ the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East,⁶ the United Nations Institute for Training and Research,⁷ the voluntary funds administered by the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees,⁸ the Fund of the United Nations Environment Programme,⁹ the United Nations Population Fund,¹⁰ the

¹ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-seventh Session, Supplement No. 5 (A/57/5), vol. I and Corr.1.*

² *Ibid.*, vol. III and Corr.2.

³ *Ibid.*, vol. IV and Corr.3.

⁴ *Ibid.*, Supplement No. 5A (A/57/5/Add.1 and Corr.1).

⁵ *Ibid.*, Supplement No. 5B (A/57/5/Add.2 and Corr.1).

⁶ *Ibid.*, Supplement No. 5C (A/57/5/Add.3 and Corr.1).

⁷ *Ibid.*, Supplement No. 5D (A/57/5/Add.4 and Corr.1).

⁸ *Ibid.*, Supplement No. 5E (A/57/5/Add.5 and Corr.1).

⁹ *Ibid.*, Supplement No. 5F (A/57/5/Add.6 and Corr.1).

¹⁰ *Ibid.*, Supplement No. 5G (A/57/5/Add.7 and Corr.1).



United Nations Habitat and Human Settlements Foundation,¹¹ the Fund of the United Nations International Drug Control Programme,¹² the United Nations Office for Project Services,¹³ the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994,¹⁴ the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991,¹⁵ the reports and audit opinions of the Board of Auditors,¹⁶ the concise summary of principal findings, conclusions and recommendations contained in the reports prepared by the Board of Auditors on the audit of the accounts,¹⁷ the first report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the recommendations of the Board of Auditors¹⁸ and the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,¹⁹

1. *Accepts* the financial reports and audited financial statements and the reports and audit opinions of the Board of Auditors regarding the above-mentioned organizations;

2. *Approves* the recommendations and conclusions contained in the reports of the Board of Auditors, and endorses the observations and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;¹⁹

3. *Commends* the Board of Auditors for the quality of its reports, in particular with respect to its comments on the management of resources;

4. *Notes with concern* the late issuance of the reports of the Board of Auditors and the explanation thereof by the Chairman of the Board, and requests the Secretary-General to ensure sufficient priority in completing their editing and translation in order to submit them to the General Assembly in accordance with the six-week rule;

¹¹ Ibid., *Supplement No. 5H* (A/57/5/Add.8 and Corr.1).

¹² Ibid., *Supplement No. 5I* (A/57/5/Add.9 and Corr.1).

¹³ Ibid., *Supplement No. 5J* (A/57/5/Add.10 and Corr.1-2).

¹⁴ Ibid., *Supplement No. 5K* (A/57/5/Add.11 and Corr.1-2).

¹⁵ Ibid., *Supplement No. 5L* (A/57/5/Add.12 and Corr.1).

¹⁶ Ibid., *Supplement No. 5* (A/57/5), vol. I, chaps. II and III; vol. III, chaps. II and III; and vol. IV, chaps. II and III; *ibid.*, *Supplement No. 5A* (A/57/5/Add.1), chaps. II and III; *ibid.*, *Supplement No. 5B* (A/57/5/Add.2), chaps. II and III; *ibid.*, *Supplement No. 5C* and corrigendum (A/57/5/Add.3), chaps. II and III; *ibid.*, *Supplement No. 5D* (A/57/5/Add.4), chaps. II and III; *ibid.*, *Supplement No. 5E* (A/57/5/Add.5), chaps. I and II; *ibid.*, *Supplement No. 5F* (A/57/5/Add.6), chaps. II and III; *ibid.*, *Supplement No. 5G* (A/57/5/Add.7), chaps. II and III; *ibid.*, *Supplement No. 5H* (A/57/5/Add.8), chaps. II and III; *ibid.*, *Supplement No. 5I* (A/57/5/Add.9), chaps. II and III; *ibid.*, *Supplement No. 5J* (A/57/5/Add.10), chaps. II and III; *ibid.*, *Supplement No. 5K* (A/57/5/Add.11), chaps. II and III; and *ibid.*, *Supplement No. 5L* (A/57/5/Add.12), chaps. II and III.

¹⁷ See A/57/201.

¹⁸ A/57/416.

¹⁹ A/57/439.

5. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the recommendations of the Board of Auditors;¹⁸

6. *Requests* the Secretary-General and the executive heads of the funds and programmes of the United Nations to examine the governance structures, principles and accountability throughout the United Nations system and make proposals on the future format and consideration of the reports of the Board of Auditors by the respective Executive Boards and the General Assembly;

7. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to ensure that the observations and recommendations of the Board of Auditors are fully taken into account in the revised strategy for information and communications technology for the United Nations, as requested by the General Assembly in its resolution 56/239 of 24 December 2001, before the strategy is considered by the General Assembly;

8. *Invites* the Secretary-General, in consultation with the Board of Auditors, to review the adequacy of the audit fee when considering resource requirements for the Board of Auditors to carry out future specialized audits, to implement the provisions of the current resolution and to make appropriate recommendations in the context of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2004-2005;

9. *Decides* to consider further the reports of the Board of Auditors on the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991¹⁵ and the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994¹⁴ also under the agenda items relating to the financing of the International Tribunals.



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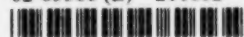
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Draft decision submitted by the Chairman

Videoconferencing at the United Nations

The General Assembly decides to take note of the report of the Secretary-General on videoconferencing at the United Nations.¹

¹ A/57/339 and Corr.1.





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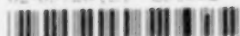
Draft decision submitted by the Chairman

Decentralized budgetary and financial arrangements for central services

The General Assembly decides to take note of the report of the Secretary-General on decentralized budgetary and financial arrangements for central services¹ and concurs with the recommendation of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions thereon.²

¹ A/57/348.

² A/57/7/Add.3, para. 13.





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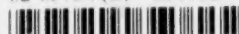
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Draft decision submitted by the Chairman

Delivery of advisory services

The General Assembly decides to take note of the conclusions contained in paragraphs 32 to 37 of the report of the Secretary-General on the delivery of advisory services.¹

¹ A/57/363.





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Draft decision submitted by the Chairman

**Trends in extrabudgetary resources at the Economic Commission
for Latin America and the Caribbean and the impact on its
capacity to carry out the programme of work**

The General Assembly decides to take note of the report of the Secretary-General on trends in extrabudgetary resources at the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean and the impact on its capacity to carry out the programme of work.¹

¹ A/57/364.





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**Review of the efficiency of the administrative
and financial functioning of the United Nations**

Draft decision submitted by the Chairman

Common services

The General Assembly decides to take note of the report of the Secretary-General on common services.¹

¹ A/57/176.





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Cooperation between headquarters departments and regional commissions

The General Assembly decides to take note of the note by the Secretary-General on cooperation between headquarters departments and regional commissions¹ and of the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions.²

¹ A/57/361.

² A/57/7/Add.3, paras. 14-15.

